

A surface-emission laser diode includes a distributed Bragg reflector tuned to wavelength of $1.1\,\mu\text{m}$ or longer, wherein the distributed Bragg reflector includes an alternate repetition of a low-refractive index layer and a high-refractive index layer, with a heterospike buffer layer having an intermediate refractive index interposed therebetween with a thickness in the range of 5 - 50nm.

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